

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A wiper, comprising:

a rod having a first end and a second end, a wiping body provided at the first end of the rod, and an outer packing characterized in that said outer packing is a ~~[[firm]]~~ tube-like container ~~made of thermoplastic materials~~ having a uniform transverse cross section, the tube-like container having a first end and a second end;

wherein both the first end and the second end of the tube-like container are closed permanently through fusion so as to form a rigid and integral tube-like container;

wherein the tube-like container is configured such that it can contain a substance selected from the group consisting of a working fluid, a working powder, and a working ointment;

wherein ~~[[the]]~~ a tip of the second end of the rod is fixedly coupled with ~~[[a]]~~ the first ~~portion~~ end of the tube-like container through fusion;

wherein the tube-like container has a circumferential easy break-off mark on an exterior surface of the tube-like container positioned, in the longitudinal direction, substantially in the middle of the tube-like container;

wherein the easy break-off mark is scored on an outer surface of the tube-like container around the circumference of the tube-like container by a cutting tool;

wherein the tube-like container is configured to be ruptured and separable into the first portion and a second portion along the easy break-off mark, and wherein the ruptured tube-like container will not reseal;

wherein the second end of the rod extends longitudinally from the first ~~portion~~ end of the tube-like container to beyond the position of the easy break-off mark;

wherein the tube-like container is configured such that, when broken off along the easy break-off mark, the first portion of the tube-like container is separable from the second portion of the tube-like container to expose the wiping body for wiping; and

wherein when the tube-like container is broken off along the easy break-off mark, a flexible deformation of the rod occurs under force without interfering with the breaking-off of the tube-like container and the rod can is configured to recover from the flexible deformation after said force that makes it deform is removed.

2-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously presented) The wiper according to claim 1, characterized in that said wiping body provided at the first end of the rod is divided into two parts along the axial direction of the rod.

6-30. (Canceled)